GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4240
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
LPG CONNECTION IN KARNATAKA
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided by various oil companies in different districts of Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) whether the oil companies preserve the right to transfer the registered LPG consumers with some agency to another agency ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding irregularities being committed by LPG agencies in the State ;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard ; and

(f) the names of the places where the proposal / applications regarding opening LPG agencies have been received by the Government and the action plan of Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : The number of LPG connections issued by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the State of Karnataka during the last three years are as under :-

Year	Figure in lakhs
2000-2001	3.84
2001-2002	3.86
2002-2003	3.59

(b) & (c) : OMCs are empowered to carry out restructuring of markets on the basis of viability norms for different markets.

(d) & (e) : During last year, OMCs have taken action against 4 LPG distributors found involved in malpractices in Karnataka.

(f) : Consequent upon the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), OMCs will set up the LPG distributorships as per their commercial considerations in all the States. However, OMCs have 54 locations pending for commissioning in Karnataka which were planned in previous marketing plans approved by Government.